



## SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 25 September 2013

at

2.27pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

**PRESENT:** Clr JM Archdale (Chairman) Mayor together with Councillors KW Ferrier, WJ Heazlett, L Levingston, CM Lyon, SJ Schmutter and RS Thomson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr JG O'Hara (General Manager), Mr SC McCoy (Director – Engineering Services) and Mr GA Moran (Director – Environmental Services).

### **1. APOLOGIES:**

42 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Ferrier that the apology received from Councillor Woods, being away on leave, be **ACCEPTED**.

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## **2. Mayoral Report**

Opening this Special Meeting of Council today sees the completion of 12 months for me as Mayor of Walcha. I wish to thank Councillors here today for your support and assistance. Special thanks to Clrs Heazlett and Ferrier for the guidance given to Deputy Mayor Clr Schmutter and me throughout the year. I also thank Clr Schmutter for his support in the position of Deputy Mayor as this has given me the reassurance to confidently delegate duties knowing they will be dealt with professionally.

The year has brought admirable successes and confronting challenges for Walcha Council. A meeting with Assistant Commissioner Geoff McKechnie last November being one of the successes in retaining Walcha Road Police Station. The closing of this important one man station could have sounded the death knell for many one man stations across NSW and Walcha Council was on the front foot in objecting and seeking representation through our local member to ensure the recommended closure did not eventuate.

A submission to the Regional Development of Australia Fund for Thunderbolts Way was made by Walcha Council, jointly and on behalf of Gloucester and Uralla Councils was another commendable success. The submission had the support of Inverell, Guyra and Armidale Councils and the value of supporting submissions made by the general public cannot be underestimated. The total amount of the grant is \$5.12m which includes the 3 Councils contributions with Walcha's share for the road upgrade totalling \$1.18m. This is an example of the greatness that can be achieved by smaller councils in collaboration.

The presentation to Council by Newtricity for the development of a wind farm in the Woolbrook district brings the most progressed and positive development application of this kind we have seen to date. With the State Government commitment to 20% clean energy supplies by 2020 this is an area Walcha Council should support. The development will provide opportunity to generate employment and infrastructure improvements locally. Further achievements throughout the year include the introduction of Rural Addressing, the Waste Transfer Station development, the completion of the Hi-Cub Project along the river banks and Green Gully Track winning a state tourism award, to mention a few.

However, the past year has brought an enormous work load for us all. The Independent Local Government Review Panel released 2 papers and the Local Government Act Taskforce released its Discussion Paper. Also over the last 12 months the New Planning System for NSW Green and White papers and the continued review of Native Vegetation Regulations were released. The desktop audit for the TCorp Report along with the continued development of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, I believe, has made this one of the busiest years this Council has undergone. Response to these and other papers encumbers Councils with limited staff and resources, making it more difficult to keep pace with day to day operations.



Walcha Councils submissions have been thorough and I believe reflect the outcomes our community want and need. I congratulate Walcha Council General Manager Jack O'Hara and Directors Steve McCoy and Gerry Moran for their tireless work, dedication and assistance to Councillors. The expertise and valued input from these Senior Staff cannot be underestimated; however the amplified workload is a constant concern.

Again our community came to the fore at a public meeting in Armidale held by the Independent Local Government Review Panel who has recommended voluntary amalgamation of Walcha, Uralla, Armidale and Guyra. The Walcha speakers were informative, passionate and direct in their desire for Walcha to remain autonomous. This was also very evident at the Regional Meetings in May when Council presented the reviewed Walcha Community Strategic Plan 2025. These meetings were well attended with the overriding concern being the continuation of our LOCAL Council.

The confirmation this week that Walcha will be moved from the Northern Tablelands electorate to the Tamworth electorate in 2015 gives credence to the argument that Walcha, partly due to our position and land size, does not sit comfortably for amalgamation in any direction. Our community of interests clearly split between north, south, east and west. With this shuffle having taken place a number of times over the last 20 years or so confirms our many and varied reasons why Walcha should not be amalgamated. It has been said that emotive arguments should not be considered when decisions on the future of Local Government Council areas are decided. It is impossibility for our community not to become emotive when again faced with the tiresome threat of amalgamation.

Politically the year has been eventful to say the least. The resignation by the Member for Northern Tablelands, Richard Torbay forced a by-election which was held in May this year. Adam Marshall achieved an outstanding win and has shown commitment to representation of his electorate and more than willing to meet with us. The Federal Election in September brought an end to what could be described as one of the most contentious periods in the history of Australian Politics. Long serving member at a State and Federal level, Tony Windsor decided not to contest the election. Walcha Council thanks Tony for his dedication and service and wish him and his wife Lyn a long and happy retirement. Woolbrook local Barnaby Joyce takes over the reigns of the New England electorate following his resounding win and we look forward to his zealous representation and enthusiasm for the New England region.

My vision for Walcha Councils future is directed toward growth of our community. A focus on attracting industry and tourism is positive to attaining growth. Regular events placing Walcha on the calendar at a regional and even state level could be the way to attract business, with this, jobs come and population increases. Small steps can and will lead to great outcomes. It is a commitment of each and every Councillor to be involved at a grass roots level to achieve the best for our



community. After all, it is the community that we represent and achieving the best results for Walcha is why we are here.

It has been an absolute honour to serve Walcha as Mayor for the last 12 months and I am grateful for the opportunity to do so. I also thank Councillors, the General Manager, Directors and indeed all Walcha Council staff for your friendship and support.

Clr Janelle Archdale  
Mayor

### **3. Senior Officers' Reports**

#### **3.1 Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor WO/2013/01500**

43 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Lyon that in the event there is more than one Councillor nominated for each of the positions of Mayor or Deputy Mayor, then the method of election to determine the position(s) be by Ordinary Ballot **FURTHER THAT** the Returning Officer destroy all documentation following such elections.

##### **a) Election of Mayor**

The Mayor then vacated the Chair and the Returning Officer, General Manager, then called for nominations for the position of Mayor. On receiving only one nomination that of Councillor JM Archdale, the Returning Officer, declared Councillor Archdale elected Mayor for the ensuing period unopposed.

##### **b) Election of Deputy Mayor**

The Returning Officer then called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. On receiving only one nomination that of Councillor SJ Schmutter, the Returning Officer declared Councillor Schmutter elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing period unopposed.

Mayor Archdale returned to the Chair.

### **DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY**

Section 377 of the Local Government Act, 1993 provides the authority for Council to delegate its powers. It provides that Council may, by resolution, delegate to the General Manager or any other person or body (excluding another employee of Council) certain of its functions.



Subsequent to those changes, the following authorities are now delegated to the Mayor.

**TO THE MAYOR:**

To perform on behalf of Council the following powers, authorities, duties and functions within the terms of the Local Government Act and Regulations thereunder:-

1. To appoint any Councillor to represent either the Mayor or the Council at any function or Meeting or other event as the Mayor deems appropriate or necessary.
2. In conjunction with the General Manager to approve the admittance of new Councils in the Mid-North Weight of Loads Group.
3. The authority to adjudicate on or to grant approvals as appropriate under the terms of the adopted Code of Conduct for Local Government provided that in all cases, a right of appeal to the full Council shall exist.
4. The authority to consider and determine Council's response to representations seeking leniency or outlining extenuating circumstances from persons who have been served with a Penalty Notice. This determination shall extend only to those representations referred through the New South Wales Police Service Infringement Processing Bureau.
5. The authority to approve a mode of travel, other than by Council vehicle, for Councillors and Staff travelling on Council business, as circumstances may, from time to time, warrant.
6. The authority to approve CBD Small Grant Programme Applications for Assistance, in accordance with adopted guidelines.
7. In accordance with the provisions of Section 378(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, authority to approve Council orders for the provision of goods and services up to the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

**TO THE DEPUTY MAYOR:**

To perform on behalf of Council the following powers, authorities, duties and functions within the terms of the Local Government Act and Regulations thereunder:-



1. During periods of absence of the Mayor, Councillor Archdale, the Delegations made to Councillor Archdale shall be deemed to be made to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Schmutter.

In the absence of the Mayor, Councillor Archdale, these powers are delegated to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Schmutter, **EXCEPT** for Clause 7.

44 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Archdale that, in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993, the Delegations of Authority listed above be made to the Mayor, Councillor Archdale and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Schmutter, respectively.

Councillor Archdale, Mayor of Walcha, took the Chair.

### 3.2 Committees & Delegates Membership WO/2013/01501

45 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Schmutter that if more than one person expressed an interest in the Committees then Council would hold a Secret Ballot to elect the Delegate to that Committee.

46 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Ferrier that the list of Delegates, listed below, be **ADOPTED** for the ensuing twelve months, with the exception of the New England Weeds Authority which is for a four year period:

#### New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council – trading as New England Weeds Authority (NEWA)

**Organisations:** Uralla Shire Council, Guyra Shire Council, Armidale Dumaresq Council and Walcha Council

**Purpose:** Special Purpose County Council set up for the control of noxious plants.

Delegate – Clr M J Woods (4 year term – due September 2016)

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#### Namoi Local Government Group

**Organisations:** Namoi CMA, Gunnedah Shire Council, Tamworth Regional Council, Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Walgett Shire Council, Walcha Council.

**Purpose:** To provide an avenue for Local Government into guiding the development of the catchment action plans and to facilitate the interaction of Local Government across the Namoi catchment with Namoi CMA.



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Delegate – Clr KW Ferrier  
Alternate Delegate – Clr SJ Schmutter  
Representative – Gerry Moran, Director – Environmental Services

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**Namoi Councils**

**Organisations:** Namoi CMA, Gunnedah Shire Council, Tamworth Regional Council, Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Narrabri Shire Council, Walcha Council

**Purpose:** To provide strong local government leadership, to work co-operatively for the benefit of the Namoi region, and effectively advocate on agreed regional positions and priorities.

Delegate – Mayor – Clr JM Archdale  
Alternate Delegate – Deputy Mayor – Clr SJ Schmutter  
Representative – General Manager – Jack O’Hara

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**Mid North Weight of Loads Group**

**Organisations:** Armidale Dumaresq Council, Bellingen Shire Council, Coffs Harbour City Council, Dungog Shire Council, Gloucester Shire Council, Great Lakes Council, Greater Taree Council, Kempsey Shire Council, Liverpool Plains Council, Port Macquarie Hastings Council, Tamworth Regional Council, Upper Hunter Council, Uralla Shire Council, Walcha Council.

**Purpose:** The Group was established in 1986 for the purpose of minimising pavement damage caused by overloaded trucks.

Delegate – Clr CM Lyon  
Alt Delegate – Clr L Levingston  
Representative – Steve McCoy, Director – Engineering Services

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**Country Libraries Association of NSW – North Eastern Zone**

**Organisations:** The Group represents libraries from Tweed Heads to Forster across to Gunnedah and up to Tenterfield

**Purpose:**

Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett  
Library Officer Delegate – DM Garrad – Librarian

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**Central Northern Libraries Committee**

**Organisations:** Tamworth Regional Council, Uralla Shire Council Walcha Council, Liverpool Plains Council, Narrabri Shire Council



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**Purpose:** To monitor and negotiate the provision of library services through the Central Northern Libraries

Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett

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**Local Traffic Committee and Council Advisory Committee**

**Organisations:** Roads and Traffic Authority, Police, Walcha Council.

**Purpose:** To advise Council on local traffic matters.

Representative – S C McCoy, Director – Engineering Services

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**Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC)**

**Organisations:** Police, State Emergency Service, Rural Fire Service, Ambulance, NSW Fire Brigade and Hunter New England Area Health Service, local Councils.

The Local Emergency Management committee covers the local government areas of Guyra, Walcha, Armidale Dumaresq and Uralla.

**New England Local Emergency Management Committee**

Delegate – Clr RS Thomson

Local Emergency Management Officer – SC McCoy

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**NSW Rural Fire Service Zone Liaison Committee**

**Organisations:** Rural Fire Service, Walcha Council, Uralla Shire Council, Guyra Shire Council, Armidale Dumaresq Council, Volunteer Fire Brigades.

**Purpose:** To develop and monitor a Service Level Agreement between the NSW Rural Fire Services and the Councils of the New England Zone.

Delegates – Clr CM Lyon

Alternate Delegate – Clr RS Thomson

Other Members: Jack O'Hara – General Manager

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**Zone Bush Fire Management Committee**

**Organisations:** Unless the Bush Fire Co-ordinating Committee determines otherwise, the following persons are to be invited to become members of a Bush Fire Management Committee:

- (a) a person nominated by each local authority whose area comprises land in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area, being (in the case of a local authority that is a council) the Mayor or a councillor of the council,





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- (b) a person nominated by each of the following organisations as being in charge of its affairs in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area:
- (i) the Roads and Traffic Authority,
  - (ii) the Land & Property Management Authority,
  - (iii) the NSW Fire Brigades,
  - (iv) the NSW Police Force,
  - (v) each distribution network service provider listed in Schedule 3 to the *Electricity Supply Act 1995* having a distribution district comprising land in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area,
  - (vi) each Livestock Health & Pest Authority established for any rural lands protection district comprising land in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area,
  - (vii) Rail Corporation New South Wales,
  - (viii) Rail Infrastructure Corporation,
- (c) a person or persons nominated by the Director-General of the Department of Environment and Climate Change and Water NSW as being in charge of the affairs of the Department in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area,
- (d) a person or persons nominated by the Deputy Director-General, Primary Industries of the Industry & Investment NSW as being in charge of the affairs of the Department in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area,
- (e) a person nominated by each local authority for the Bush Fire Management Committee's area as having responsibilities for the performance of the local authority's functions respecting the environment,
- (f) a person nominated by the Nature Conservation Council of New South Wales,
- (g) not more than 2 persons chosen by rural fire brigades operating in the area,
- (h) a rural land holder nominated by the NSW Farmers Association or, if the Association does not nominate a rural land holder within a reasonable time (as determined by the Bush Fire Co-ordinating Committee), by the local authority for the area,
- (i) a person nominated by each Local Aboriginal Land Council for any Local Aboriginal Land Council area comprising land located in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area,
- (j) any other person or persons approved by the Bush Fire Co-ordinating Committee.



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**Purpose:** Each Bush Fire Management Committee must, in accordance with the State Legislation, prepare and submit to the State Bush Fire Co-ordinating Committee a draft of each of the following kinds of bush fire management plans for the rural fire district or other part of the State for which it is constituted:

- (a) a plan of operations, and
- (b) bush fire risk management plan.

Delegate – Clr RS Thomson  
Alternate Delegate – Clr CM Lyon

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**Tablelands Community Transport Management Committee**

**Membership:** Chairperson, Uralla Shire Council’s delegate to the Committee; Delegates nominated by each of Armidale Dumaresq Council, Walcha Council and Guyra Shire Council. One representative of volunteers and one representative of customers from each of the four local government areas involved in the service area. Representative of special need groups, on an ad hoc basis, by invitation from the Manager of the service (those representatives having no voting rights).”

The Manager of the program is also a member of the Committee, with no voting rights.

**Purpose:** To advise Uralla Council on the management and operation of TCT in the provision of transport facilities for the frail aged, disabled and other transport disadvantaged people in the Shire and on a regional basis.”

Delegate – Gerry Moran - Director – Environmental Services

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**Arts North West**

**Membership:** Arts North West was established in 1996 as a Regional Arts Development Program and established as an independent Regional Arts Board in 1997. The program receives financial support from Arts NSW and twelve local governments in the New England North West region.

**Purpose:** To build community capacity in the Arts North West region through supporting creative activity.

Representative – Clr SJ Schmutter  
Alternate – Clr WJ Heazlett

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**Northern Inland Regional Waste Group (NIRW)**

**Organisations:** Armidale Dumaresq Council, Glen Innes Council, Gunnedah Shire Council, Guyra Shire Council, Gwydir Shire Council, Inverell Shire Council, Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Moree Plains Shire Council, Narrabri Shire



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Council, Tamworth Regional Council, Tenterfield Shire Council, Uralla Shire Council and Walcha Council.

**Purpose:** Northern Inland Regional Waste (NIRW) is a voluntary local Government networking group to specifically address waste management issues on a regional level.

Representative – Stephen McCoy – Director – Engineering Services

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**Plant Committee**

**Membership**

Representative – Clr CM Lyon  
Representative – Clr L Levingston  
Representative – Clr RS Thomson  
General Manager – Jack O’Hara  
Director – Engineering Services – Steve McCoy  
Project Manager – Brian Hoad  
Plant Foreman – Stephen Bath

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**Staff Committee**

**Membership:**

Representative – Mayor – Clr JM Archdale  
Representative – Deputy Mayor – Clr SJ Schmutter  
Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett  
Representative – Clr CM Lyon  
General Manager – Jack O’Hara  
Other Senior Officers as appropriate.

**Purpose:**

- ❖ To assess applications, carry out interviews and report to Council on appointments to the following Senior positions:
  - ❖ General Manager.
  - ❖ Director – Engineering Services.
  - ❖ Director – Environmental Services
  - ❖ Manager of Finance.
  - ❖ To assist the Mayor and Senior Staff in the resolution of industrial disputes as considered necessary.
  - ❖ To advise Council on conditions of employment including Staff Housing.
  - ❖ To advise Council, as necessary, on matters of Staff training.
  - ❖ To advise Council on other Staff matters as considered appropriate with the exception of those matters falling within the responsibility of the Staff Consultative Committee.
  - ❖ To carry out the General Manager’s performance appraisal and negotiate performance agreement.
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**Staff Consultative Committee**

**Membership:**

2 Management Representatives: Mayor – Clr JM Archdale & Deputy Mayor – Clr SJ Schmtuter & Brian Hoad  
1 Local Government Manager – General Manager – Jack O’Hara  
1 Environmental Health Professional – Dir – Environmental Services – Gerry Moran  
2 USU Members: Kevin Creighton & Bernard Lynch  
1 Local Organiser of the USU – Chris Preston  
Secretary – Nadean McKenna – non voting member

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**Baths and Squash Courts Committee**

**Membership:**

Representative – Clr KW Ferrier  
Alternate – Clr CM Lyon  
Director – Engineering – Steve McCoy  
Director – Environmental – Gerry Moran  
President Walcha Squash Club – Scott Kermode  
President Walcha Swimming Club – TBA  
Pool Supervisor – Andrew Cross

**Purpose:**

- ❖ To advise Council on an annual basis of appropriate fee structures for both the Memorial Baths and the Squash Court complex.
  - ❖ To advise Council on Policy matters relating to both the Memorial Baths and the Squash Court complex such as opening times, building maintenance and improvements, methods of operation and the like.
  - ❖ To generally advise Council on all matters relating to the operation of the Walcha War Memorial Baths and the Squash Courts.
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**Walcha Town and District Beautification and Tidy Towns Committee**

**Membership:**

Representative – Clr JM Archdale  
Representative – Clr RS Thomson  
Director – Engineering Services – Stephen McCoy  
Urban Works Supervisor – Steph Sweeney  
Citizen Representatives - Phyllis Hoy  
Citizen Representatives - Robyn Vincent  
Citizen Representatives – Felicity Nivison  
Citizen Representatives – Irene Woods  
Citizen Representatives – Alex Smith

**Purpose:**

- ❖ To generally monitor the appearance of the town and district and to advise Council of areas requiring enhancement.
  - ❖ To advise Council on its Tree Planting Programme particularly as to suitability of species to be planted.
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- ❖ Administer Council's participation in the Keep Australia Beautiful Council's Tidy Towns Competition. The Committee should also review the results of Council's entry in this competition making recommendations as appropriate.
- ❖ Administer the conduct of the Garden Competition.

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**Walcha Work Health and Safety Committee**

No Elected Representatives

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**Roads Management Committee**

**Membership:**

All Council

Director – Engineering Services – Steve McCoy

**Purpose:** Oversee the development of the Roads Management Plan for Walcha shire.

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**Walcha Council Australia Day Committee**

The Services Clubs currently fill this role.

Representative – Clr Lloyd Levingston

Representative – David Savory – Manager of Finance

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**Walcha Council Waste Management Committee**

Representative – Clr MJ Woods

Representative – Clr KW Ferrier

Representative – Clr L Levingston

General Manager – Jack O'Hara

Director-Engineering Services – Steve McCoy

Director-Environmental Services – Gerry Moran

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**Management Committee Pioneer Cottage**

Representative – Clr L Levingston

Alternate Representative – Clr RS Thomson

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**Walcha Council Arts Advisory Committee**

**Function of the Committee** – To advise Council on future public art projects.

**Membership:**

Representative – Clr SJ Schmutter - Chairperson

Alternate Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett

General Manager – Jack O'Hara

Works Manager – TBA

Three community representatives – James Rogers, Carley McLaren and Stephen King.

**Meetings** – The Committee is to meet six monthly or as required. The appointed Councillor to act as the Chairperson. The quorum is to be four.



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**Walcha Local (Liquor) Consultative Committee**

Membership - Representatives of all Licensed Premises', Police and Council

Purpose

Representative – Clr KW Ferrier

Alternate Representative – Clr Lloyd Levingston

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**Community Centre Committee (Multi-Purpose Centre)**

Representative – Clr SJ Schmutter

Alternate Representative – Clr CM Lyon

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**Walcha HACC Advisory Committee**

**Membership:**

Representative – Clr MJ Woods

Director – Environmental Services – Gerry Moran

HACC Coordinator

ATSI HACC Coordinator

Six Citizen Representatives

**Purpose:**

- ❖ Provides advice to Council on policy matters and programs specifically for our community.
  - ❖ Any other matters referred to the Committee by Council.
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**Walcha Council Preschool Advisory Committee**

**Membership:**

Representative – Clr CM Lyon

Alternate Representative – Clr JM Archdale

Director Environmental Services – Gerry Moran

Director Walcha Preschool – Zoe Herbert

Parent/Citizen Representatives (4):

- ❖ Rebecca Macarthur Onslow
- ❖ Hannah Crawford
- ❖ Paula Jenkins
- ❖ Sophie Thomson

The following two can attend Meetings but do not have voting rights:

- ❖ Clerical Assistant – Karen Kermode
- ❖ Early Intervention Officer – Rhonda Barnett.

Four parent/citizen representatives to be elected for a 2 year term with half that number changing each year. They are also restricted to a maximum of 3 consecutive terms, ie 6 years.

**Purpose:** To advise Council on policy matters and strategic issues regarding the management of the Walcha Preschool.

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**Meetings:** Meet quarterly (once per term) or as required on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday of the term. The appointed Councillor to act as Chairman. The quorum to be 5.

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**Walcha Community Consultative Committee**

Organisations – All community organisations are invited to attend and include the police, service groups, Amaroo and Council

Purpose: To discuss community wide social issues

Delegate – Clr L Levingston

Delegate – Clr SJ Schmutter

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**Armidale Regional Tourism**

Organisations – Guyra Shire Council, Armidale Dumaresq Council , Uralla Shire Council and Walcha Councils

Purpose – To facilitate regional based tourism activities.

Delegate – Clr KW Ferrier

Representative – Tourism Manager – Gemma Clarke

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**Armidale Economic Development Group**

Membership – The Armidale Development Group is an Armidale Dumaresq Council committee with a wide cross section of industry groups represented on the committee such as UNE, Chamber of Commerce and Local Business when the Strategic Alliance was formed Uralla, Guyra and Walcha Council were invited to send a representative to the meetings.

Purpose – To promote Economic Development in the Armidale Regions

Delegate – Mayor JM Archdale

Alternate Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett

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**Walcha Health Service Advisory Committee**

Representative – Clr JM Archdale

**Purpose:** To facilitate information flows between the community and the Hunter New England Area Health Service (HNEAHS) and to advise HNEAHS on appropriate levels of service for our community.

**Sub Regional Strategy Committee**

Delegate – Clr JM Archdale

Representative – Gerry Moran - Director – Environmental Services

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**Walcha Community Safety Precinct Sub-Committee**

**Membership:**

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Representative – Clr Lloyd Levingston – Deputy Chair  
Alternate Representative – Clr SJ Schmutter  
Walcha Police Sergeant – Sergeant Betteridge  
Various Community Members  
Members of Oxley Local Area Command Police

**Purpose:**

- ❖ Ensure Local Area Commanders are communicating to their local communities;
- ❖ Encourage community partnerships to reduce crime and the fear of crime;
- ❖ Develop local solutions to local crime in partnership with local stakeholders;
- ❖ Improve public safety and reduce the fear of crime at a local level;
- ❖ Raise understanding of the relationship between policing and crime reduction; and
- ❖ Ensure Commanders take into account local community views on police visibility, police deployment and crime hotspots when deciding police tasking and deployment.

**Meetings:**

To meet twice yearly and report back to the Tamworth Community Safety Precinct Committee which meets quarterly.

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**Walcha Council Tourism Advisory Committee**

**Function of the Committee:**

To advise Council on future tourism promotion.

**Membership:**

Representative – Clr KW Ferrier – Chairperson

Alternate Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett

General Manager – Jack O’Hara

Tourism Manager – Gemma Clarke

Seven community representatives on two year term with them being eligible for reappointment on expiration of each term – Len Woods, Neil Smith, Mike Faulkner, Janet Dunbar, Vanessa Arundale, Casper Ozinga and Doug Laurie.

**Meetings:**

The Committee is to meet quarterly or as required. The appointed Councillor to act as the Chairperson. The quorum is to be 5.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN  
DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 3:04PM.**